

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 have been amended. Claims 3-8 have been cancelled. New claims 9-40 have been added.

Claims 1-2 and 9-40 remain in the application.

No new matter is believed to have been introduced by this amendment.

A Cross Reference to Related Applications section and well as section headings have been added in order to bring the application in conformance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.77. A New page 2 is attached to this Preliminary Amendment, showing changes made to the paragraphs.

The Abstract section has been amended and attached as a separate page to this Preliminary Amendment.

Favorable action is most earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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~~To this end, the subject of the invention is a watch case as defined by Claim 1.~~

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